

Marine Resources Commission 380 Fenwick Road Building 96 Fort Monroe, VA 23651

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TO: SUMMER FLOUNDER INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUBJECT: OPENING OF VIRGINIA'S 2022 PERIOD TWO DIRECTED OFFSHORE

SUMMER FLOUNDER FISHERY (April 13 – June 30, 2022)

2022 Period Two

- Effective 12:01 A.M., Wednesday April 13, 2022, the 2022 Period Two Directed Virginia Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery will open for vessels with a Virginia Summer Flounder Endorsement License.
- The landing limit for the Offshore (EEZ) Fishery from April 13 through June 30, 2022 is 20,000 pounds. Vessels may land a maximum of 20,000 pounds for the entire period of April 13 through June 30, 2022.
- It is unlawful for any vessel to land in Virginia any amount of summer flounder more than once in any consecutive 5-day period.
- It is unlawful to possess aboard any vessel in Virginia waters any amount of summer flounder in excess of the total of the Virginia landing limit (20,000 pounds) and the amount of the legal North Carolina or New Jersey landing limit or trip limit.
- For additional requirements please visit https://mrc.virginia.gov/Regulations/fr620.shtm

Additional Information

All announcements regarding the opening and closing of Virginia's Directed Offshore Flounder Fishery can be found on the home page of the agency website (https://mrc.virginia.gov), by clicking the link for "Offshore Summer Flounder Fishery Status" under the section labeled Commercial Fishing.

If you have questions or comments, contact Jill Ramsey at (757) 247-2243.